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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Koki HIRASAWA et al.

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GROUP 2826

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Examiner F. Erdem

LEAD FRAME, SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE PRODUCED BY USING THE SAME AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the Official Action of October 16, 2002, please amend the above-identified application follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

CANCEL claims 16 and 18.

## Amend the claims as follows:

--1. (amended) A lead frame comprising:

a tie bar to which an element loading portion to be loaded with a semiconductor element is connected by a lead forming portion;